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APPLICANT: CATE, Stephen, et al.
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CASING SAUSAGES

RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF DEFECTIVE RESPONSE

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the communication of January 3, 2002, a copy of which is attached, attached is a complete declaration executed by inventor Ottow. This is to complete the requirements set in the Decision to Vacate Notice of Abandonment dated December 18, 2001.

Please file this declaration with the instant application to put it in condition for acceptance into the national stage under 35 USC 371.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that the above correspondence was mailed by First Class Mail with proper postage affixed on the 22nd^h day of January, 2002 to Commissioner of Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231-0001.


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